

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 14-16, 33-40, 49, 50, 55, 56 and 61-65 are pending, with claims 1, 6, 11, 33, 37 and 61 being independent. Claims 13, 17-32, 41-48, 51-54 and 57-60 have been cancelled. Claim 11 has been amended and claims 61-65 have been added. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-10, 33-40, 49, 50, 55 and 56, and the Examiner's indication that claim 14 is directed to allowable subject matter.

Claims 11, 12, 15 and 16 have been rejected as being anticipated by Hirakata (U.S. Patent No. 6,163,055). Applicants have amended claim 11 to recite that the pixel electrode is formed over the diamond-like carbon film. Hirakata, by contrast, discloses that a pixel electrode 1139 is formed under the diamond-like carbon film as shown in Fig. 11D. Accordingly, for at least this reason, applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

New independent claim 61, which recites both a diamond-like carbon film and a transistor formed over a substrate, is also believed to be allowable over Hirakata and the other references of record.

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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